

What is claimed is:

5. (New) A self-inking stamp, comprising:

- a substantially parallelepiped frame having at one end thereof a
- 5 substantially shaft formed by a parallelepiped arrangement of substantially flat surface members for receiving by sliding movement a container with a stamp pad therein and at an end opposite the one end a web defining an opening disposed substantially parallel to the shaft;
- a stamp platen;
- 10 an actuator movable against the bias of a spring from a rest position to a second position;
- a swivel mechanism supporting the stamp platen and connected to the actuator for moving the platen from a first position of engaging the stamp pad to a second position within the opening;
- 15 an elongated groove disposed in at least one of the surface members and the container and extending in the direction of sliding movement of the container; and
- a protrusion in the other of the at least one surface member and container disposed to be received in the groove during sliding movement of
- 20 the container.

6. (New) The stamp of claim 5, wherein there is provided a second groove disposed in parallel to the first groove and a second protrusion disposed to be received in the second groove.

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7. (New) The stamp of claim 5, wherein the protrusion is an elongated rib.

8. (New) The stamp of claim 7, wherein the length of the rib is less than the length of the groove.

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9. (New) The stamp of claim 5, wherein the groove and the protrusion are

of substantially complementary cross-section.

10. (New) The stamp of claim 9, wherein the cross-section is substantially semi-circular.

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